

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 BUDAPE 01673 201051Z

ACTION EB-07

INFO OCT-01 EUR-12 ISO-00 AGRE-00 CIAE-00 INR-07

NSAE-00 TRSE-00 ITC-01 COME-00 /028 W

-----201228Z 100232 /40

R 200951Z MAY 77

FM AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8559

INFO: RUFHAU/AMEMBASSY VIENNA 4526

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE BUDAPEST 1673

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS AGRICULTURE FAS FOR L&M

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, HU

SUBJECT: HUNGARY IMPORTS AGAIN LARGE NUMBER OF U.S. CATTLE

1. ON MAY 18 AGATT MET ZELENKA OF TERIMPEX AND ON MAY 19 SZALECKY OF CENTER OF STATE FARMS (PLEASE PROTECT BOTH) TO DISCUSS LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN DAIRY CATTLE IMPORTS INTO HUNGARY. BOTH ARE RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN THE HUNGARIAN CATTLE BREEDING PROGRAM. FOLLOWING LEARNED FROM THOSE MEETINGS.

2. HUNGARIAN CATTLE BREEDING PROGRAM INITIATED IN 1972 CONTINUES WITH INCREASED EMPHASIS ON MILK PRODUCTION. HUNGARY WILL IMPORT 7,000 HEAD OF CATTLE DURING 1977, MAINLY HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN.

3. UNLIKE IN 1976 WHEN BULK OF CATTLE PURCHASES WERE CONCENTRATED IN WESTERN EUROPE -- BECAUSE OF BARGAIN PRICES -- PURCHASES IN 1977 WILL FOCUS MAINLY IN U.S. AND CANADA. RENEWED INTEREST IN NORTH AMERICAN CATTLE IS DUE IN PART TO NEW AVAILABILITY OF ACCOMMODATIONS (STALLS, ETC.) JUST RECENTLY COMPLETED ON A NUMBER OF STATE FARMS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 BUDAPE 01673 201051Z

FOR HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN.

4. LATEST (MAY) HUNGARIAN PURCHASES IN U.S. INVOLVED 2,600 HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS FOR STATE FARM INTERESTS (INCLUDING 20 BULLS). OF THESE 2,250 CAME THROUGH HOLSTEIN-FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION AND THE BALANCE THROUGH PRIVATE FARMS. ANOTHER HUNGARIAN PURCHASE OF HOLSTEIN

FRIESIANS IS PLANNED IN THE U.S. (JUNE) FOR COLLECTIVE FARMS INVOLVING SOME 2,400 HEAD, GIVING AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 5,000 HEAD FROM U.S. IN 1977. HUNGARY WILL ALSO BUY ABOUT 1,500 HEAD OF HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS FROM CANADA AND HAS ALREADY IMPORTED ABOUT 500 BLACK AND WHITES FROM EC EARLIER THIS YEAR.

5. SERIOUS PROBLEMS DEVELOPED RECENTLY IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF U.S. CATTLE TO HUNGARY. SEABOARD AIRLINE WHICH CARRIED THE BULK OF HUNGARIAN CATTLE PURCHASES FROM U.S. TO HUNGARY IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE FOR SUCH SHIPMENTS. HUNGARY AS A RESULT IS NOW USING SMALLER NON-AMERICAN AIRLINES AND SHIPS. A SHIP CARRYING 1,300 HEAD OF CATTLE IS ARRIVING AT RJEKA (A YUGOSLAV PORT) AFTER TWO WEEKS CROSSING THE ATLANTIC. AT RJEKA CATTLE WILL BE TRANSFERRED INTO BOX CARS FOR 2-3 DAY RAIL TRIP TO HUNGARY. WHILE BOAT-RAIL TRANSPORT IS SLIGHTLY CHEAPER THAN AIR TRANSPORT, POSSIBLE DELAYS IN SUCH SHIPMENTS AND ASSOCIATED HEALTH PROBLEMS MAY BE AN EXPENSIVE SOLUTION.

6. ALSO DISCUSSED WAS RECENTLY CONCLUDED CANADIAN SEMINAR ON CATTLE BREEDING AND MILK PRODUCTION IN BUDAPEST. THE SEMINAR WAS SPONSORED JOINTLY BY THE CANADIAN HFA AND THE HUNGARIAN VETERINARY SERVICE. THE TWO-DAY CONFERENCE WAS WELL RECEIVED AND ATTENDED BY OVER 200 PEOPLE REPRESENTING VARIOUS SECTORS OF THE HUNGARIAN CATTLE INDUSTRY. BOTH ZELENKA AND SZALECKY THOUGHT A SIMILAR SEMINAR GIVEN BY AMERICAN HFA WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 BUDAPE 01673 201051Z

ALSO BE WELL RECEIVED AS HUNGARIANS ARE EAGER TO LEARN ABOUT UP-TO-DATE BREEDING AND FEEDING TECHNOLOGY FOR HIGHER MILK AND BETTER BEEF PRODUCTION.

7. COMMENTS: HUNGARY WILL IMPORT 7,000 HEAD OF CATTLE IN 1977, MOSTLY HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS. OVER 70 PERCENT SHOULD COME FROM THE U.S. THIS WILL BE A SHARP REVERSAL OF THE 1976 SITUATION WHEN ONLY 1,300 HEAD CAME FROM U.S. ALTHOUGH NOT OFFICIALLY ADMITTED, THE SUDDEN REVERSAL IS DUE MORE TO DISSATISFACTION WITH THE "BARGAIN" CATTLE FROM THE EC, WHICH GIVES LESS MILK THAN THEIR U.S. SISTERS AND NEED MORE CARE THAN AMERICAN HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS.

8. IN ORDER TO KEEP HUNGARIAN INTERESTS ALIVE FOR U.S. HOLSTEIN FRIESIANS, IT MIGHT BE A HIGHLY PRODUCTIVE MOVE TO ARRANGE A SEMINAR LATER THIS YEAR. SUCH A SEMINAR SHOULD BE SPONSORED BY THE AMERICAN HOLSTEIN FRIESIAN ASSOCIATION JOINTLY WITH SOME HUNGARIAN INSTITU-

TION OR SERVICE REPRESENTING NATIONAL CATTLE INTERESTS.  
A MEETING OF THIS SORT WOULD NOT ONLY OFFSET SOME OF  
THE ADVANTAGES CANADIANS MAY HAVE GAINED BY THEIR  
SEMINARS, BUT COULD ALSO DEMONSTRATE U.S. SUPERIORITY  
FOR SERVICING AND GUIDANCE FOR BETTER MANAGEMENT AND  
BETTER FEEDING PRACTICES.

9. AND FINALLY, AGATT BELIEVES THAT CREDIT IS DUE TO  
THE AMERICAN HFA FOR BEING ABLE TO KEEP HUNGARIAN  
INTERESTS ALIVE IN MORE EXPENSIVE AND HIGHER QUALITY  
U.S. CATTLE AT TIME WHEN EC EXPORT SUBSIDY PROGRAMS  
STILL CONTINUE TO MAKE DUTCH AND GERMAN CATTLE A  
"BARGAIN".

MUDD

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** IMPORTS, CATTLE  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 20-May-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977BUDAPE01673  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770180-0359  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** BUDAPEST  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770537/aaaabfrf.tel  
**Line Count:** 130  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** 2137408f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION EB  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 01-Dec-2004 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 2442957  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** HUNGARY IMPORTS AGAIN LARGE NUMBER OF U.S. CATTLE  
**TAGS:** EAGR, ETRD, HU, US, CA  
**To:** STATE VIENNA  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/2137408f-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009